GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:90
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PRODUCTION OF PINEAPPLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the leading pineapple producing States in the country;

(b) the total production of pineapple recorded during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the facilities provided by the Government to the farmers;

(d) whether the farmers producing pineapple are not getting remunerative prices; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 90 DUE FOR REPLY ON 12TH JULY, 2004.

(a)&(b): The leading pineapple producing States in the country are West Bengal, Karnataka, Assam, Kerala, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura and Nagaland. The available data on State-wise production of pineapple during the period 2000-01 to 2002-03 is as under:-

(Production in 000` MT)

States	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
West Bengal	279.50	322.00	340.70
Karnataka	275.00	250.00	250.00
Assam	216.06	220.00	222.30
Kerala	84.59	83.87	73.70
Meghalaya	81.70	81.70	82.40
Manipur	69.93	72.44	75.58
Tripura	82.20	82.16	82.60
Nagaland	12.00	15.00	20.00
Total	1100.98	1127.17	1147.28

(c): Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, is providing assistance to the farmers growing pineapple under the following schemes (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management of Agriculture − Supplementation/complementation of States` efforts` through work plan, (ii) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttranchal, (iii) Integrated Development of Horticulture in Tribal/Hilly areas and (iv) Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post harvest management.

(d)&(e): Based on the information received from leading pineapple growing States, selling price is deemed to be remunerative.